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A Markup ~~200000~~ OR Clean copy of amended claims is attached.

Examiner has rejected our explanation based on comparisons with Valaskovic patent (US 6190,559). However, the two devices are different. We are using the chromatographic particles, which are larger than the size perforations or incisions in the pipette tip, so that during the sample preparation the chromatographic material does not pass through the perforation.

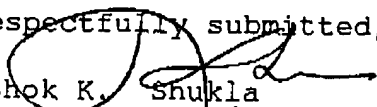
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Thanking you in advance for all your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,


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